

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks. Prior to entry of this response, Claims 1-15 and 18-20 were pending in the application, of which Claims 1 and 15 are independent. In the Office Action dated November 3, 2005, Claims 1-15 and 18-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Following this response, Claims 1-15 and 18-20 remain in this application. Applicant hereby addresses the Examiner's rejections in turn.

I. Rejection of the Claims Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

In the Office Action dated November 3, 2005, the Examiner rejected Claims 1-15 and 18-20 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,529,187 ("*Dickelman*") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,392,640 ("*Will*") further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,338,082 ("*Schneider*"). Claims 1 and 15 have been amended, and Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments overcome this rejection and add no new matter.

Amended Claim 1 is patentably distinguishable over the cited art for at least the reason that it recites, for example, "determining, prior to receiving another character of text, whether the one character of text comprises a period." Amended Claim 15 includes a similar recitation.

In contrast, any reasonable combination of *Dickelman* and *Will* at least does not teach or suggest the aforementioned recitation. For example, as stated by the Examiner, *Dickelman* and *Will* do not explicitly state determining whether the at least one character of text includes a period. (See Office Action, page 4, lines 3-4.) Furthermore, *Schneider* does not overcome *Dickelman* and *Will*'s deficiency. *Schneider*

merely discloses that a "." versus a "" is a key factor in determining what services are used. (See col. 6, lines 26-27.) For example, in *Schneider*, depending on context, the detection of only a "." delimiter implies a domain name used for name resolution and resource location services. (See col. 6, lines 27-29.) Moreover, in *Schneider*, the detection of only a " " delimiter implies a domain name used for name resolution and resource location services whereas the detection of only a "" delimiter implies a search request used for directory services and the like. (See col. 6, lines 29-31.) Like *Dickelman* and *Will*, *Schneider* at least does not teach or suggest prior to receiving another character of text, determining whether one character of text comprises a period. In contrast, *Schneider* is silent as to any order or process for receiving and detecting a period in a text stream. In other words, while *Schneider* discloses detection of a "." delimiter (see col. 6, lines 27-29), it does not disclose, prior to receiving another character of text, determining whether one character of text comprises a period, acting upon this detection, or receiving another character.

Combining *Dickelman* and *Will* with *Schneider* would not have led to the claimed invention because *Dickelman*, *Will*, and *Schneider*, either individually or in combination, at least do not disclose or suggest "determining, prior to receiving another character of text, whether the one character of text comprises a period", as recited by amended Claim 1. Amended Claim 15 includes a similar recitation. Accordingly, independent Claims 1 and 15 each patentably distinguish the present invention over the cited art, and Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of this rejection of Claims 1 and 15.

Dependent Claims 2-14 and 18-20 are also allowable at least for the reasons described above regarding independent Claims 1 and 15, and by virtue of their

respective dependencies upon independent Claims 1 and 15. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of this rejection of dependent Claims 2-14 and 18-20.

II. New Claims

Claims 22 and 23 have been added to more distinctly define and to round out the protection for the invention to which Applicant is entitled. Applicant respectfully submits that these claims are allowable over the cited art and that they add no new matter.

III. Conclusion


In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicant respectfully requests the reconsideration and reexamination of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims. The preceding arguments are based only on the arguments in the Office Action, and therefore do not address patentable aspects of the invention that were not addressed by the Examiner in the Office Action. The claims may include other elements that are not shown, taught, or suggested by the cited art. Accordingly, the preceding argument in favor of patentability is advanced without prejudice to other bases of patentability. Furthermore, the Office Action contains a number of statements reflecting characterizations of the related art and the claims. Regardless of whether any such statement is identified herein, Applicant declines to automatically subscribe to any statement or characterization in the Office Action.

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